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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2734

Public Notice Date

September 9, 2009

Expiration Date

September 29, 2009

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File Number: 2001-1430

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit to perform periodic excavation near an existing loading facility on the Illinois River, as described below and shown on the attachments.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Charles Frerker)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Central Stone Company, c/o: Mr. W. Thomas Barnum, 1701 5th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, (309) 757-0522.

LOCATION: Periodic excavation activities would occur adjacent to the barge loading area at Central Stone Company's existing Florence Quarry. The facility is located at the end of Quarry Road, along the right descending bank of the Illinois River, at approximate river mile 57.2, in the Northeast ¼ of Section 10, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, in Pike County, Illinois.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to periodically remove up to 2,000 cubic yards of accumulated silt, sediment, rock and/or debris on an average two to three year dredge cycle from an area adjacent to an existing barge loading terminal. A crane with a clamshell bucket mounted on a barge or hydraulic excavator would be utilized to periodically excavate accumulated riverine deposits from an approximate 80-foot by 400-foot area. Excavated materials would be loaded onto trucks and hauled to the applicant's upland, contained quarry site where it would be used as backfill for reclamation. The disposal area is situated above the flood plain. The periodic excavation is necessary to provide adequate depths during low river stages and as riverine deposits naturally accumulate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant or Mr. Charles Frerker, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at either (314) 331-8583 or at electronic mail address: *charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil*

AUTHORITY: The proposal will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

By copy of this joint public notice, the applicant is also applying to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources for state approval of the proposed work in accordance with "an Act in relation to the regulation of the rivers, lakes and streams of the State of Illinois" (Ill. Rev. Stat.; Chap. 19, par 52 et seq.). Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Illinois should be addressed to Mr. Mike Diedrichsen, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, Illinois, 62702-1271, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The proposed project is within the range of the endangered Indiana bat (**Myotis sodalis**) and Gray bat (**Myotis grisescens**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed activity is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, written comments are solicited by this public notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

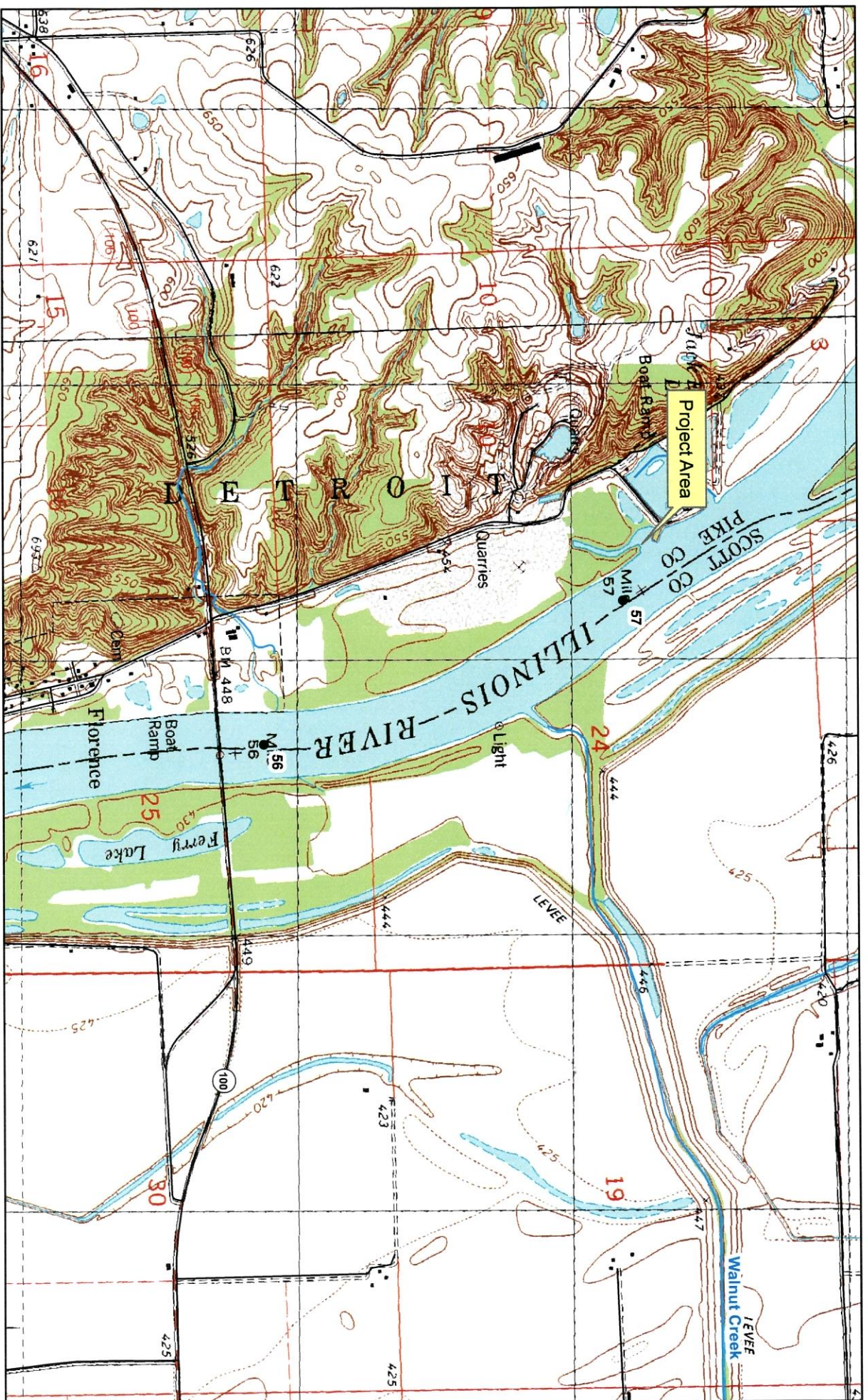
In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.


for/ Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.



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**Central Stone Co., Florence Quarry Dredging
Pike County, Illinois**

Illinois River Mile 57.2



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